

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Arrest of San Diego County Homicide Suspect

Location: Junipero Street and Santa Clara Street, Ventura

Date/Time Occurred:12/4/19 @ 9:58 a.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol Task Force

Suspect(s): Forrest Robert Brantley, 2/19/81

Report #: 19-86385

Narrative:

At approximately 8:00 a.m. on November 28, 2019, the San Diego Police Department Communications Center received a call of an injured man in the 3100 block of Sports Arena Boulevard in San Diego. When the officers arrived, they found a man with significant trauma to his neck. The man was transported to the hospital, but unfortunately did not survive his injuries.

The investigation revealed the victim had an altercation with the suspect, identified as 38-year-old Forrest Robert Brantley. At some point in the altercation, Brantley used a weapon to cause traumatic injuries to the victim's neck area. After the homicide, detectives received information that Brantley was in the City of Ventura, but there was no information available about his specific whereabouts. Officers with the Ventura Police Department and Ventura County Community College Police were sent to multiple locations where possible sightings had occurred, but Brantley was never found.

On 12/4/19 at 9:58 a.m. officers with the Ventura Police Patrol Task Force saw Brantley walking near Junipero Street and Santa Clara Street in Ventura. He was detained and arrested for a parole violation and the San Diego County homicide.

A review of superior court data bases show Brantley has been arrested thirty-four times since 2000. The charges included burglary, robbery, elder abuse, drug related offenses and property crimes. At the time of his arrest on 12/4/19, he was on active parole for attempted robbery, burglary, elder abuse and assault with a deadly weapon.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.